

(b) Will the Government be pleased to issue early orders so that these students may have accommodation at least from the commencement of the academic year 1924-25 either in the present rented buildings or other buildings to be specially rented for the purpose?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(a) and (b) At the beginning of the academic year 1923-24, Government were prepared to open a hostel for non-caste Hindus, for Christians not living in the L. M. S. hostel and for Mahomedans not living in the Mahomedan hostel. Only 14 students, however, applied for residence in that hostel, of whom only two were Ezhavas. The hostel could not therefore be opened.

Construction of a new Building for the Trivandrum District Court.

392. MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state what portion of the sanctioned allotment for the construction of a new building for the Trivandrum District Court has been spent towards the same, and what progress has been made in the construction of the new building?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The construction of the building has not been started, nor has any portion of the allotment been spent on the work.

MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know why the construction of the building has not been started?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Because the funds cannot be made available, in view of more urgent demands in other directions.

MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether they have been so diverted?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They have not been.

MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Then, what is the meaning in saying that this work has not been started in view of more urgent works?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The funds provided may be required for more urgent works.

MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know the nature of those works?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is not possible for me to specify them now. For example, we have a lot of urgent works to be done in connection with the separation of the Arts College from the Science College.

MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know when this allotment was made?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): At the time of the budget.

[Mr. Tariatu Kunjitomman.]

MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know when the bifurcation was contemplated?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Long after.

MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know why in the meantime the construction of the building was not proceeded with?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased, at least hereafter, to direct the construction of the building being taken up during this year?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): If funds are available.

MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they can make funds available for that purpose, because already the Council has sanctioned the money?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I am not in a position to say just now whether it will be possible for the Government to provide funds for the work.

MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether, when once the funds have been sanctioned by the Council for a certain purpose, they should not be utilised for that purpose?

PRESIDENT: That is a point in regard to which Mr. George has already said that it is only if funds have to be transferred from one head to another head that the Government have to get the sanction of the Council, and not otherwise.

MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether the funds cannot be made available now for the purpose for which the Council has given sanction after discussion?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It would not be possible to undertake the work this year.

MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know the reasons?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have already given them.

Departmental Schools.

393. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha*): (a) Are the Government aware that the teachers in several departmental schools do not attend school at the hour fixed for such attendance?